GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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CARDAMOM PROCESSING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cardamom processing centres in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether there are any fresh proposals for setting up new processing centres for cardamoms;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the likely impact of the new processing centre on the net export of cardamom;

(e) whether the Government has received any representation for the creation of a fund for cardamom; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a): Spices Board of Department of Commerce under Ministry of Commerce & Industry has established a Spice Park at Puttady, Idukki district of Kerala as processing centre for cardamom & pepper. The facilities in the Park include e-auction centre, grading and colour sorting machine, Poly Urethane Form (PUF) godown for cardamom.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): As per information received from the Spice Board that in 12th Plan, they are proposing to set up a processing centre for cardamom at Bodinayakannoor in Tamilnadu, which is the major trading centre for cardamom. The proposed processing centre include an e-auction centre and cleaning, grading and packing facility for cardamom. The total cost of the proposed project is Rs.1.50 crore.

(d): All the stake holders of cardamom including exporters can avail the facilities at the processing centre and thereby reducing the transportation and processing time for shipments. This will help to export fresh and best quality cardamom from the country.
(e): Yes, Madam.

(f): Ministry of Commerce & Industry has formulated a Modified Price Stabilization Fund Scheme (MPSF) for plantation crops including cardamom. The prime objectives of the MPSF is to provide financial relief to the growers when prices of these commodities fall below a specified level (below the price spectrum band), provide, sustain long term support to growers in place of ad-hoc interventions during crisis etc.